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# Westland to test residents' water

Despite the allegations of a city employee, Westland officials are confident that the water in the community is safe.

Last week, Department of Public Services employee Frank Raymore told members of the city council during a regular meeting that he could no longer remain quiet about his suspicions of contamination from lead water pipes in the city. He told the council members that he was making the claims under the provisions of the Whistleblower Act, a federal provision that prevents the disciplining or firing of an employee who publicizes wrongdoing on the part of an employer.

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Raymore alleged that when he was called out to the site of a water leak in the center of a street, he dug up the roadway to expose the pipes and discovered they were lead. He says he was told to fix the leak and rebury the pipe by his supervisor, instructions Mayor William Wild said are consistent with the policies in the city.

"We have an outside contractor who has the equipment and the skill to replace these lead pipes," Wild said. "We replaced one in September, one in October and a third one we discovered wasn't lead." Each replacement cost the city about $3,000, Wild said.

"Nothing would lead us to believe there is any health threat to any Westland resident from the water," Wild said.

But, he added, as a precaution, he was going to request funding from the members of the City Council at a special meeting Monday to provide free water testing in the area Raymore alleges may still have lead pipes.

"The area he (Raymore) is discussing is bordered by Palmer and Glenwood and Wayne Road and Wildwood," Wild said. There are about 910 homes there and we will offer free water testing to put residents' minds at ease." Wild said

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# Celebration of spring

## Ancient Chinese tradition to take place at Village Theater

Celebrating a tradition that is thousands of years old, the Canton Commission for Culture Arts and Heritage Multicultural Committee will host the 2016 Chinese Spring Festival at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Joining the festivities providing main stage entertainment are choral performances by: the Michigan Chinese Choir, the Canton Philharmonic Choir, the March Wind Choir, the AM Choir and the New Century Chinese School youth chorus. Also featured will be duets and small group performances by Yangtze Melody Group and Xin Yun. Pop music of the Desert Island Band will also entertain crowds during the special celebration that will include Chinese Yo-yo, Tai Chi, and a traditional Chinese instrumental performance by the Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team.

The evening will include a special guest performance by Shuping Ma, a notable opera singer in China and the U.S. She is a graduate of Sichuan Music College in China and was a vocal professor at Xinhai Music College in Guangzhou. Shuping Ma has performed at the Detroit Opera House, and throughout China and the U.S. and is the director for three area Chinese choirs.

The art of traditional Chinese folk and classical dances will be shared by Cherry Blossom, Shihui Dance Group, Michigan New Century Chinese School, Clivia Dance Group, Ann Arbor Jade Dance School, the Ann Hua Waist Drum Team, Ann Hua Chinese Dance Group and the Senior Chinese American Golden Years Troupe.

Event-goers can also enjoy a free punch and cookie reception starting at 6 p.m. In addition, a variety of cultural displays will be available in The Village Theater lobby.

Tickets to this special Chinese celebration are $5 per person. The performance will be on the main stage and seating will be reserved.

Tickets can be purchased, and printed at home or held at will call, anytime from www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The box office is open between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone, (734) 394-5300 x3, with a Visa or Mastercard between the hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For more information on the 2016 Chinese Spring Festival or other performances scheduled at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

# Teen pleads guilty in knife attack on family

Roksana Sikorski entered a guilty plea Monday, admitting to assault with intent to murder in the knife attack on her Plymouth Township family in 2014.

Sikorski, 15 at the time of the attack, has been incarcerated since she was arrested, along with her then 22-year-old boyfriend, Michael Angelo Rivera, at his Detroit apartment Oct. 15, 2014, the day after the attack.

Sikorski is scheduled to be sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Callahan on March 28, just before she turns 17. She and Rivera had both been charged with offenses including conspiracy, assault with a dangerous weapon, felony assault and using a computer to commit a crime. The two, according to prosecutors, had planned to kill her family as they slept by slashing their throats.

The motive, according to police investigators, was a plan for the two to run off together and for Rivera to avoid statutory rape charges her parents had filed in response to the sexual relationship between the two.

Sikorski attacked her younger brother, 12, with a 6-8 inch knife, slashing at his throat and severely wounding him before he ran to a bathroom to escape her, according to investigators. During the attack, according to police, Sikorski and Rivera were in constant contact by texts on their phones, as she asked for instructions and advice on killing her family.

The attack on her brother woke her sister, 11, whose screams roused her parents and Sikorski allegedly fled the Heather Hills subdivision home with Rivera.

While Sikorski initially confessed to the

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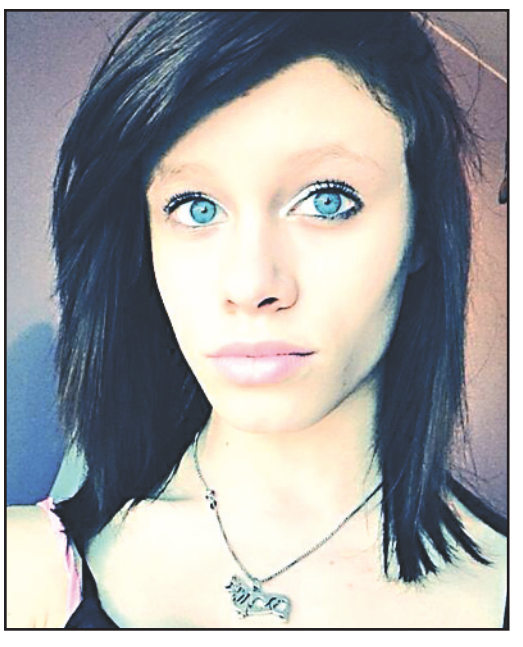

Roksana Sikorski

# Romulus

# Mayor assures residents city water is safe

The City of Romulus may soon step up efforts to educate the public about the quality of water within the city.

Mayor Leroy Burcroff said officials are discussing the best way to get the message out to the public in the spirit of transparency.

"We're looking at doing a Public Service Announcement for cable or supplying other basic information," he said. "We're trying to talk about the Romulus system, and different ways that residents can get the data."

The idea is in part a response to the water crisis in Flint, and to alleviate any concerns residents have over the safety of their water.

Resident Charles Miller said he first had the inkling of concern five years ago, when they changed the water meter in his daughter's house and found that there were lead pipes there.

"At the time I had a generalized concern about it," Miller said.

Those pipes dated back to 1943; the pipes in his own house are two years older.

"This city of Romulus has lead pipes in many of the older homes," Miller said. "In many instances, older homes still have lead pipes."

Lead pipes were still used in homes under construction until 1986. After that, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues the Lead and Copper Rule, through the Safe Drinking Water Act. The rule requires corrosion control treatment to prevent lead and copper from contaminating drinking water.

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>
> **Mayor LeRoy Burcroff**

Random tests are now required to help maintain water safety. In Romulus, homes are tested in each corner of the community at random, said Keith Boc, assistant director of the Department of Public Works. Residents are instructed about the way to conduct the tests-to take samples first thing in the morning, after water has rested in the pipes all night. The results are analyzed and the city sends the results to the homeowner. They are also published and distributed every year in the annual water quality reports each summer.

Any result higher than 15 parts per billion (ppb) requires action.

Those results have always exceeded federal regulations for quality and safety, said Boc.

"We've not had a result that exceeded the action level-not even close to that level-in all the houses we've tested," he said.

Even so, there are things a homeowner can do if he or she is concerned. Lead testing kits are available at hardware stores. Also, run the water before you drink from it first thing in the morning, he said.

Burcroff said water quality and safety information is also available on the city website. It can be found through the public works link under the department of public works tab.

"We're happy to talk about the quality of our water because we're proud of our water quality," Burcroff said. "We've got good data."

## CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
### ITB 15/16-21 RAID ENTRY VESTS-ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the purchase of raid entry vests for the City of Romulus, Special Response Team.
(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid ***must use the forms provided by the City***. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ http://www.mitn.info/.
(3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Thursday, **March 17, 2016**. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the Bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
(6) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
### ITB 15/16-18 TWO YEAR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TESTING OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES TO BE DEMOLISHED

(1) The City of Romulus, Department of Building and Safety is seeking bids from qualified contractors licensed under the State of Michigan DEQ laws governing their respective trade, for a two (2) year contractual agreement for the testing, sample evaluation and reporting for the presence of hazardous materials on an as needed basis for City or privately owned residential, commercial and/or industrial structures scheduled for demolition.
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## PUBLIC NOTICE
## CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for *Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.* in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
## LEGAL NOTICE

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates for the office of President of the United States (Republican and Democratic Ballots) will be nominated.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH POLLING LOCATIONS ARE:**

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| Precinct 1 | St. Kenneth's Catholic Church | 14951 N Haggerty Rd |
| Precinct 2 | Friendship Station | 42375 Schoolcraft Rd |
| Precinct 3 | Township Hall | 9955 N Haggerty Rd |
| Precinct 4 | Starkweather Academy at Fiegel | 39750 Joy Rd |
| Precinct 5 | Isbister Elementary School | 9300 Canton Center Rd |
| Precinct 6 | West Middle School | 44401 W Ann Arbor Trl |
| Precinct 7 | Church of the Nazarene | 45801 Ann Arbor Rd W |
| Precinct 8 | Praise Baptist Church | 45000 N Territorial Rd |
| Precinct 9 | Living Word Church | 46500 N Territorial Rd |
| Precinct 10 | NorthRidge Church | 49555 N Territorial Rd |
| Precinct 11 | Risen Christ Lutheran Church | 46250 Ann Arbor Rd W |
| Precinct 12 | Pioneer Middle School | 46081 Ann Arbor Rd W |

Applications for Absentee ballots may be obtained during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth MI 48170.

On Saturday, March 5, 2016 the Clerk's Office will be open; 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to issue Absentee ballots to qualified voters in person.

On Monday, March 7, 2016 qualified voters may be issued an Absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Offices until 4:00 p.m.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Nancy Conzelman, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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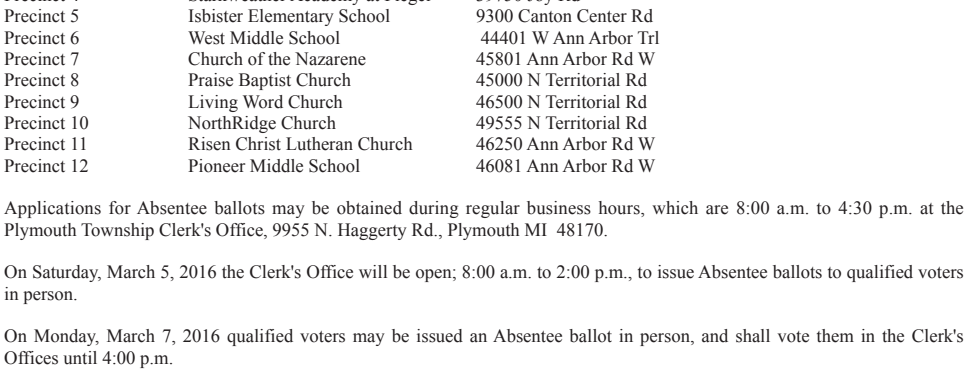
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
**REZONE FROM:** R-1, Single Family Residential
**REZONE TO:** VP, Vehicular Parking
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received a proposed petition to rezone Tax ID No. (s) R-78-065-99-0002-000; R-78-065-99-0001-701 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to VP, Vehicular Parking District. The property is located north of Joy Road, west of Haggerty Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, and east of Lilley Road. The existing addresses are 9295 Haggerty Road and 9301 Haggerty Road.

**Application: 2188-0116** **Applicant: Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury**




PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FROM: R-1 TO VP

**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 017**
**Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:for parcel/lot descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID no.(s): R-78-065-99-0002-000; R-78-065-99-0001-701**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the proposed map amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings, upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone: 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
**February 8, 2016**
**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.**
**Pledge of Allegiance**
**Roll Call**
**Present:** Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
**1.** Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-132 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 1, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-133 2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the special meeting minutes of February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2016/2017 Proposed Program Statement. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**3. Petitioner:**
**16-134 3A.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to approve the request from Pearl Varner, on behalf of the Romulus Historical Society, to issue no-fee permits for the electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and interior carpentry at the Peter C. Byrd House at 12055 Wayne Rd. (which is owned by the City of Romulus) and the no-fee permits will be in effect until the restoration to the house is completed. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**4. Chairperson's Report:**
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced the annual soul food dinner will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 at the Romulus Senior High School.
**16-135 4(a).** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Daniel Purcell. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
**16-136 4(b).** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Makowsk**i to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Kathy Sandhurst. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-137 4(c).** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Samuel Hubbard Jr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-138 4(d).** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to schedule the annual no-fee spring city-wide yard/garage sale on Thursday, May 19th through Sunday, May 22, 2016 with rain dates – Thursday, June 2nd through Sunday, June 5, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**5. Mayor's Report:**
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming community events and also announced that tickets for the mayor's ball may be purchased from the mayor's office. All proceeds from the ball will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club.
**Deleted 5A**. Deleted from agenda.
**16-139 5B.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Abdo** to authorize the Romulus Fire Department to dispose of 1986 Ford F-350 Pierce Mini Pumper #314 through a third-party vendor, Fenton Fire Sales. The City will not incur any expense for the sale of this equipment. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
**16-140 5C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth**, to authorize the Romulus Fire Department to dispose of the department's extra air filling station at station #2 through a third-party vendor, Fenton Fire Sales.
The City will not incur any expense for the sale of this equipment. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6A. Clerk's Report**
**16-141 6A1.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss revisions to "Animals" and "Sidewalks" Code and Zoning Ordinances with City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, and City Planner, Carol Maise. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-142 6A2.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-15, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of February 1, 2016 **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6B. Treasurer's Report**
**7. Public Comment**
A resident inquired about a pipeline that has been approved by the State of Michigan that runs from Hannan Road to Wick Road. (Information will be posted on the City website.) A resident asked that the mayor look into the City of Romulus Water Department rules and regulations. A resident, representing other residents, made the following comments: Where does road funding come from? Answer: Act 51 funding. Are most roads in the City of Romulus county roads? Answer: No. Is the City of Romulus provided any type of warranties for road work that is done? Answer: No. Will there be any increase in water bills this year? Answer: City of Romulus purchases water from the City of Detroit. Resident commented on poorly constructed sidewalk in front of her house.
**8. Unfinished Business**
**9. New Business:**
**10. Communication**
Councilwoman Abdo announced that the Community United Methodist Church's Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the church on Olive St.
**16-143 11.** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-03 in the amount of $504,045.63. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**12.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 8, 2016.
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# CANTON - NORTHVILLE

## Township honored with state recreation awards

Canton Leisure Services was honored with two mParks awards this year, including an Excellence in Therapeutic Recreation Programming Award and a Special Brochure Award.

The honors are awarded annually to parks and recreation agencies and individuals who have contributed to the state recreation industry by mParks. This year, 22 parks and recreation professionals, agencies, advocates and legislators were honored with Michigan Recreation and Park Awards at the 2016 conference Feb. 18. The Canton awards were presented to the Camp Leisure Club, and the seasonal brochure for the Canton Farmers Market.

"This recognition is further proof of Canton Leisure Services' dedication to quality programs and events," said Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz. "Canton residents are fortunate to have access to these award-winning programs in our community, as well as year-round recreation opportunities, health and wellness classes and activities, fine arts and cultural programs, family-friendly community events and more."

"Over the years, mParks members, professionals and partners have made a tremendous impact on quality of life through parks and recreation," said mParks Chief Operating Officer Ann Conklin. "The award winners and the entire industry truly make an important difference in the lives of Michigan residents and visitors."

mParks is the statewide professional association for Michigan's parks and recreation industry, committed to educating and inspiring a diverse membership of more than 2,000 parks and recreation professionals, agencies, advocates and vendors. mParks also serves as the voice for the industry, promoting and advocating for parks and recreation as an invaluable resource for community, economy and public health. Learn more about mParks at www.mparks.org.

Since 2004, Canton Leisure Services has been accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), which recognizes park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. Currently there are 143 CAPRA accredited agencies in the United States. Canton Leisure Services was also recognized as the 2008 winner of the National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.

For more information about Canton's award-winning programs and other Canton Leisure Services classes, programs and events, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

## Ridge Wood is named 3rd Lighthouse school

The Northville School District is now home to three of only nine Lighthouse Schools in the state.

Ridge Wood Elementary School received the prestigious designation last month after a Lighthouse Review Team from Franklin Covey Education, a component of the global consulting and training leader Franklin Covey, spent a day in January interviewing Ridge Wood students, teachers, staff and parents. The team members toured the school, visited classrooms and reviewed data with students. Just 14 days later, Ridge Wood principal Heather Bauer got the call that Ridge Wood is a The Leader in Me Lighthouse School.

Students and staff members celebrated their accomplishment during a school-wide assembly the next day.

Ridge Wood is one of 170 to achieve Lighthouse status and only the ninth in Michigan - along with Moraine and Silver Springs elementary schools, which earned the Lighthouse designation in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

"To have three of the nine Lighthouse schools in Michigan is a remarkable achievement to celebrate. This achievement underscores the meaningful work under way across our learning community from early childhood through graduation to prepare our students for a bright future in the 21st century world," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

The Leader in Me is a whole-school transformation framework - developed in partnership with educators - that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on the principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness. The Leader in Me starts with the premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader and have a voice in their learning.

"The Leader in Me framework has enabled both our teachers and our students to see themselves as true leaders," said Bauer. "We have students who take charge of their learning, set goals, and make plans for how they will achieve those goals. It is amazing to hear our children talk about what they can do, and what they are leaders of. Being recognized as a school earning the Lighthouse status is an honor and is simply amazing. I couldn't be more proud of our students, and the entire Ridge Wood family," she said.

"I would like to extend a huge thank you for the support of Ridge Wood families, our teachers and staff, our Dad's Club, PTA, and the Northville Educational Foundation, all of whom have made this journey possible," Bauer added. "We are celebrating this milestone as we continue to focus on our mission to Learn and Lead Together."

"We applaud the entire Ridge Wood community for achieving the distinction as a Lighthouse School in their The Leader in Me journey," said Gallagher. "This is powerful work that brings students, teachers, parents and families together with the collective focus on learning in a way that unleashes the leadership capacity and potential within every learner."

## Count Me In storytime continues

The Canton Library is offering Storytime for kids with special needs, Count Me In, at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Storytimes are designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. The programs are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Programs are planned for March 12, April 23, May 21 and June 18 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road.

For information, call (734) 397-0999.

**To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
**Request for Applications and Public Notice of Availability of Funds**

The Charter Township of Canton announces the availability of approximately $330,000 in CDBG funds for housing and community development activities beginning July 1, 2016. CDBG program income or reprogrammed CDBG funds may also be available under this announcement. Canton will accept sealed applications at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2016 for the following:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

Applications may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the application name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

President of the United States (Republican and Democrat Ballots)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Listed below are the polling locations for the Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Election which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting:

| Precinct No. | Name of Facility | Address |
|---|---|---|
| 1 & 23 | Discovery Middle School | 45083 Hanford Rd |
| 2 | Connection Church | 3855 S. Sheldon Rd |
| 3, 10, 21 | St. John Neumann Church | 44800 Warren Rd |
| 4 & 13 | Miller Elementary School | 43721 Hanford Rd |
| 5 & 31 | Crescent Academy | 40440 Palmer Rd |
| 6 & 32 | Life Church | 7001 N. Haggerty Rd |
| 7 & 8 | Salem High School | 46181 Joy Rd |
| 9 & 34 | Eriksson Elementary School | 1275 N. Haggerty Rd |
| 11 & 19 | Tonda Elementary School | 46501 Warren Rd |
| 12 & 14 | Hulsing Elementary School | 8055 Fleet St |
| 15 | Walker-Winter Elementary School | 39932 Michigan Ave |
| 16 & 17 | Bentley Elementary School | 1100 S. Sheldon Rd |
| 18 & 29 | Field Elementary School | 1000 S. Haggerty Rd |
| 20 | Township Fire Station No. 1 | 1100 S. Canton Center Rd |
| 22 | Hoben Elementary School | 44680 Saltz Rd |
| 24 & 25 | Canton High School | 8415 N. Canton Center Rd |
| 26, 27, 36 & 40 | Summit on the Park | 46000 Summit Parkway |
| 28 | Canton Township DPW Yard | 4847 S. Sheldon Rd |
| 30 | Mettetal Airport | 8550 N. Lilley Rd |
| 33 & 37 | Dodson Elementary School | 205 N. Beck Rd |
| 35 | Canton Human Services Center | 50430 School House Rd |
| 38 | Historic Cherry Hill School | 50440 Cherry Hill Rd |
| 39 | Plymouth High School | 8400 N. Beck Rd |
| 41 & 42 | Workman Elementary School | 250 N. Denton Rd |

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, March 7, 2016, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, March 8, 2016.

To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120 prior to Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the Clerk's voting page on Canton's Website at www.canton-mi.org, or call the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2016 for the following:

**KUBOTA CAB TRACTOR & GROOMING MOWER**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 14, 2016, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT** CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING, SECTION 1.03 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF SPECIAL EVENT AND SECTION 2.07 RELATIVE TO SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Greg Greene, Chairman
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**PLANNING COMMISSION**
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 14, 2016 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CANTON TOWNSHIP WATER STORAGE FACILITY SPECIAL LAND USE** - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A WATER STORAGE AND PUMPING FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B FOR THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 006 99 0009 000 (43147 JOY ROAD). Property is located south of Joy Road and east of Morton Taylor Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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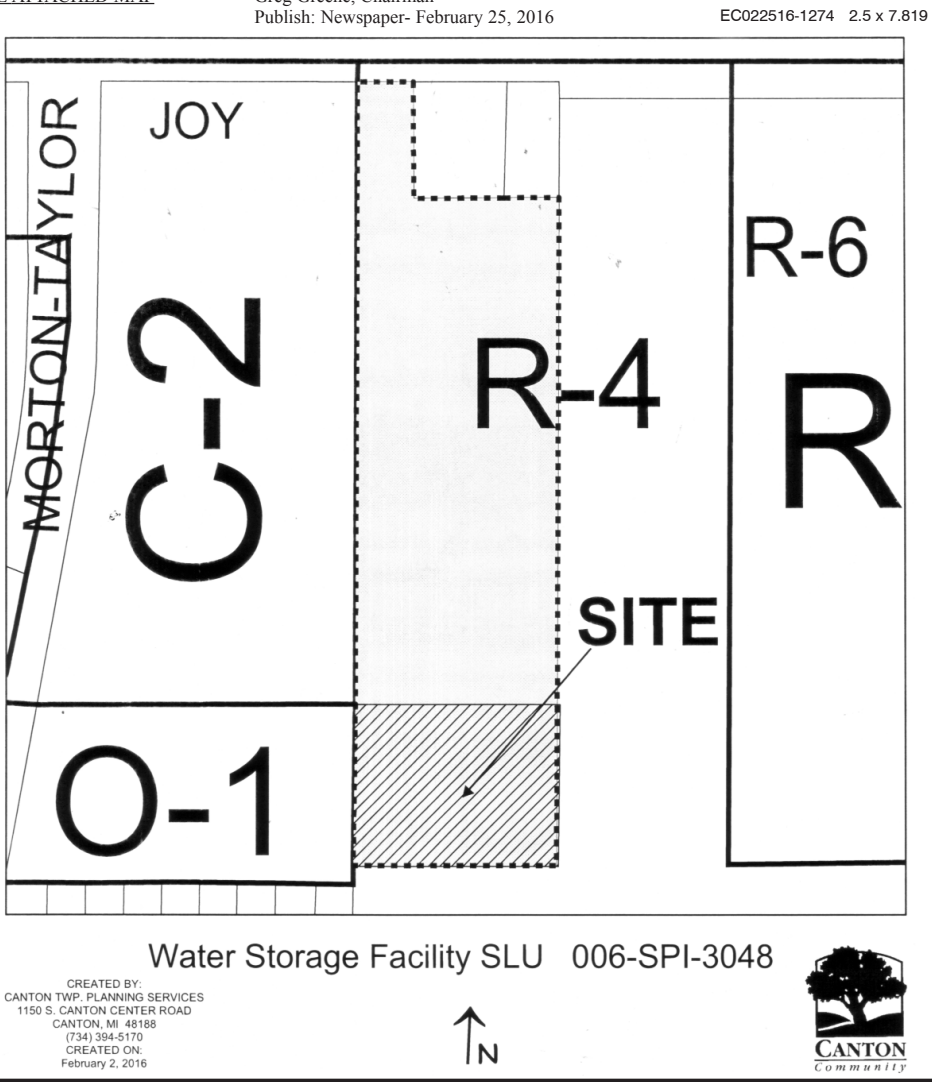

Belleville - Inkster

# School board terminates superintendent

Michael Van Tassel has been replaced as superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools.

Members of the board of education approved the termination of his contract at a meeting Monday, following months of complaints and controversy regarding Van Tassel's management of the district. Parents had been crowding school board meetings for months, demanding answers and criticizing Van Tassel, and at times,the board members for their actions.

Parents were highly critical of Van Tassel's physical removal of five teachers from Savage Elementary School last month when officials from the Michigan Department of Education alleged that cheating took place on required state tests and disallowed the results from the school.

At Van Tassel's urging, an outside firm also interviewed students at the school to determine if there were improprieties in the way the tests were administered or if teachers offered extra help or even answers to students.

Parents protested the interviewing of the children months after the tests were taken and reported that the students were upset by the manner in which some of the interviews were handled.

In December, when a freshman student was found with a gun at Belleville High School, along with ammunition in a backpack, Van Tassel and the school principal failed to alert parents who did not find out about the incident for more than a week, also prompting concern and criticism from parents.

In the most recent incident, Van Tassel filed an assault charge Jan. 28 against board member Sherry Frazier following a loud argument in his office. While Frazier maintained that she did no more than touch Van Tassel's sleeve in an attempt to get his attention, he claimed that she grabbed his arm and "poked" him.

Van Tassel dropped his claims of assault with the police department Feb. 4.

During the crowded meeting this week, several teachers criticized Van Tassel's leadership style as controlling and intimidating.

Frazier, an outspoken critic of Van Tassel, said, "The superintendent was exclusive. He was not inclusive. He did not encourage staff members' participation in decision-making or the board's input. "She also said that he was "a victim of making poor decisions."

Board vice president Martha Toth expressed regret at having to terminate Van Tassel, noting that his performance evaluations have found him to be "highly effective." She added that the continued criticism from teachers and parents prevented him from being an effective leader in the district.

"There is no chance he can continue to be our leader when he is under siege like this," she said.

Board members named current Human Resources Director Shonta Langford Green as interim superintendent.

# Investigations into homicides, gunfight continues in Inkster

Detectives from the Inkster Police Department and Michigan State Police Special Investigation Section are currently investigating a third homicide in the city during the past three weeks and the non-fatal shooting of two men Feb. 16.

The fatal shooting took place at about 7:30 a.m. Feb. 10 in the 27000 block of Moore Court, according to police reports. A preliminary investigation revealed that two vehicles were involved in altercation that resulted in numerous shots being fired into one driver's vehicle. That vehicle subsequently struck a house on Moore Court and the driver was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival, according to police reports.

A second individual ran from the scene and was apprehended by officers and transported to a local hospital with a gunshot wound. Police said they have not yet determined what his role was in the incident, although the shooting does not appear to be random, according to investigators.

Officers are also searching for a suspect in a shooting that took place at about 3:30 a.m. Feb. 16, at an apartment complex on the 400 block of Cherry Hill in Inkster.

A preliminary investigation revealed that two men suffered gunshots fired by a third man who fled on foot from the scene. One victim suffered a gunshot wound to his abdomen and the other had a gunshot wound to his right bicep. Both subjects were transported to Beaumont Oakwood Hospital and are expected to recover from their injuries according to police.

The suspect was described as a light skinned black male, 17-20 years old, with wavy black hair and a mustache. The suspect was reportedly wearing a red hooded jacket.

Police said that this shooting, too, does not appear random, and the investigation is continuing by both Michigan State Police and officers from the Inkster Police Department.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS
## 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

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| March 14, 2016: | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm |
| March 15, 2016: | 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm |
| March 16, 2016: | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm |

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 16, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

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| July 19, 2016: | 9:30 am |
| December 13, 2016: | 9:30 am |

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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## INVITATION TO BID
### CITY OF ROMULUS ITB (15/16-20)
### - MIDDLEBELT ROAD WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT
### Project #0155-14-0090

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the abandonment of the 8-inch water main along Middlebelt Road from Goddard Road to Wick Road (Project 15/16-20). The major items of work include approximately 5,100 feet of 8-inch water main abandonment with flow-able grout, 500 feet of water main removal, 5 service connections, and 8 new water main connections made with tapping sleeve and valves to existing 16 and 24-inch water mains.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on March 15, 2016. All bids should be clearly addressed:

**ITB 15/16-20 -Middlebelt Road Water Main Abandonment**
**City of Romulus Clerk's Office**
**11111 Wayne Road**
**Romulus, MI 48174**

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 4:00 PM, February 25, 2016, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711) or online at the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: www.MITN.info.

Copies thereof may be obtained from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. A prepaid, non-refundable fee of fifty-five dollars ($55.00) will be charged for each set of contract documents and an additional non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00) will be charged if contract documents are mailed.

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist unless and until all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and an agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

Questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed to Marcus McNamara of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment at 734-522-6711 or marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION
### City of Romulus, Michigan
### March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that for ALL Precincts there are three ballot types: one ballot for Democratic Party, one ballot for Republican Party, and one ballot without Presidential Primary (this ballot choice is for voters not voting in the Presidential Primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates) as shown below:

**Democratic Party Presidential Primary, President of the United States: Roque Rocky De La Fuente, Martin J. O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Uncommitted.**

**Republican Party Presidential Primary, President of the United States: Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, Donald J. Trump, Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, John R. Kasich, George Pataki, Uncommitted.**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540. **The following proposal will appear on the ballot:**

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL**

**Shall the City of Romulus, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of neighborhood street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving neighborhood streets, including all related appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2016 is 3.53 mills ($3.53 per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.55 mills ($3.55 per $1,000 of taxable value). Yes [ ] NO [ ]**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Clerk's Office, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI, telephone 734-942-7540.

**STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964**
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RICHARD P. HATHAWAY, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of **January 26, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:**

**WAYNE COUNTY**
**Wayne County, Michigan**
**City of Romulus**

| Taxing Authority | Date of Election | Voted Increases | Years Increase Effective |
|---|---|---|---|
| County of Wayne | November 3, 2009 | 1 mill | 2019 |
| Wayne County Jail | August 7, 2012 | 1 mill | 2021 |
| Wayne County Parks | November 2, 2010 | 0.25 mills | 2015 |
| Wayne County | November 6, 2008 | 1.25 mills | 2020 |
| Community College | November 6, 2012 | 1 mill | 2022 |
| | **School Districts** | | |
| Romulus School District | May, 2011 | 18 mills | 2021 (non homestead only) |
| | August, 2012 | 5.1314 mills | 2017 (homestead only) |
| | November, 2008 | .75 mills | 2018 |
| Wayne-Westland | May 2010 | 18 mills | 2025 (non homestead only) |
| Community Schools | February, 2012 | 1 mill | 2022 |
| Woodhaven – Brownstown | August 5, 2014 | 18 mills | 2023 (non homestead only) |
| School District | February, 2011 | 1 mill | 2020 |

Richard P. Hathaway, Wayne County Treasurer
**Dated: January 26, 2016**

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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| 1, 7 & 10 | Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road |
| 2 & 4 | Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road |
| 3, 8, & 9 | Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road |
| 12 | Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road |
| 5 | Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road |
| 11 | Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road |
| 6 | West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Drive |
| | (All located in Romulus, MI) |

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

Are unable to attend the polls without assistance;
Are 60 years of age or older;
Expect to be absent from your city for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial.
Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered; or
Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174
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# PLYMOUTH

## ‘Debate’ draws heated response from city official

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Nearly 70 residents crowded the meeting room at the Plymouth Library last Thursday where a community forum, advertised on social media and purported to be about taxing authorities, special assessment districts (SADs), and downtown development authorities (DDAs), escalated into a somewhat heated debate regarding the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) and the animosity of township officials toward the city.

Program speakers were Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Don Soenen, the philanthropist who is the driving force behind and president of PARC, a project to re-purpose Central Middle School into a multi-use community facility. Price contended last week that the forum, set up by Republican Precinct Delegate Estelle Oliansky, “was not a debate,” despite that characterization on some social media sites.

Price appeared somewhat confounded when during the course of the discussion, his comments and assertions regarding acrimony between the city and township were directly challenged by Plymouth City Commissioner Colleen Pobur from the audience.

Plymouth Township officials have been adamant about not participating in the PARC project and the board of trustees, led by Treasurer Ron Edwards, last year agreed to a resolution preventing any involvement with the city until November 2016, after the general election. In 2014, board members also agreed to Edwards' proposed $50,000 in funding for a recreation survey of township residents that has not yet taken place. The township is also in the midst of a $2.5 million controversial recreation plan that has drawn much public criticism and protests from residents.

Pobur, apparently prompted by Price's remarks regarding the city of Plymouth, introduced herself to the audience and Price and challenged Price's repeated comments about the strained city-township relationship.

“The city is not fighting with the township, Mr. Price,” Pobur said. “Why don't you make a resolution to abolish that resolution…we are making good progress on the (fire department) legacy costs and I think that's a good example.

“It's a disingenuous thorn in our paw that there's a resolution on the books in the township that says we will not use what's in the higher good for all citizens and work collaboratively with the city,” she said emphatically.

Price defended the board resolution saying it was in place before he was appointed.

“You say that was before you came here, but now, you're here…” Pobur responded.

“I don't see where there's a member of the board that would be interested in un-doing a resolution. We're still looking at a long-term solution, we've made a lot of progress but we haven't gotten any commitment…” said Price

“That's not true,” Pobur retorted.

“Rather than have a big debate we need to move forward in a positive way as opposed to having to having to go back…there's a lot of animosity and we're trying to keep calm, we're trying to move forward…that's what we're trying to do,” Price said in response to Pobur's comments.

The meeting was quickly closed by moderators following the confrontation between Pobur and Price.

The discussion began earlier in the evening with cursory comments by Price regarding the fundamental elements of SADs and DDAs while Soenen, detailed the progress made to restore the downtown Plymouth facility by volunteers, the contributions from citizens and the 3,000 current users who support the arts and recreation complex in the former school building where 14 community groups are now housed.

“We need a facility for the greater Plymouth community that addresses both the arts and recreation needs,” explained Soenen. He added that a proposed millage would fund about $20-$25 million in needed structural repairs at the building which was purchased from the school district for about $3.3 million.

Price responded, “PARC is a great idea, but where is the feasibility study?” Price said he wasn't in support of or against PARC, but needed more information. He said the township needs a business plan before officials go to voters for a millage to support the complex, citing a $3.5 million liability caused by the acrimonious split of the city and township fire department. Plymouth Township has since hired former attorney general Mike Cox to attempt to recoup claimed fire department legacy costs.

His remarks regarding the current status of those negotiations with the city apparently triggered Pobur's rebuttals.

Soenen said earlier in the discussion that he favored a team effort between the city, the township, the school district and PARC representatives to conduct a “One Plymouth” arts and recreation survey- needs assessment, in an effort to develop a plan to move forward.

Soenen also said long-term leases and agreements are now generating more than 65 percent of the current operating revenue at PARC but felt the Plymouth community cannot afford two recreational facilities with a combined population of only 36,000 residents.

“We need to get Plymouth Township engaged in this process,” Soenen said.

As the discussion became more heated, he suggested that the PARC supporters might simply wait two years before seeking participation from township officials, indicating that “things could change.”

“There's no point in me coming back to the township,” he told Price. “You know what they're going to do with it (the business plan). We're not going back until this situation really improves, then maybe we'll get somewhere,” Soenen said.

“We're doing OK, our operations are just fine.” Soenen said as moderators moved to quickly close the meeting following the exchange between Pobur and Price.

## Attack

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crime, her admittance was not allowed by Callahan who ruled that she obviously did not understand her rights when she spoke to police investigators and admitted what she had done.

Callahan's ruling was upheld by an appellate court where judges agreed that she did not understand her rights at the time of her confession and did not knowingly waive her constitutional rights before the interrogation by detectives was conducted.

A gag order was issued by Callahan in the case following the appearance of her parents, Jeffrey and Laurene Sikorski, on a local TV station discussing the case. The three children were adopted about 12 years ago from Poland and Sikorski's parents have alleged that she suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome as a result of the abuse she suffered. She was 5 at the time of the adoption.

Sikorski, who was charged as an adult by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy who said her decision was based on the content of the graphic texts, entered the guilty plea to the single charge on the first day of her trial.

Rivera, now 24, was convicted and sentenced in August to life in prison.

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# Westland

# Showing off
## Art club to exhibit at city hall

Westland City Hall will soon be filled with original creations by local artists who have agreed to display their work at the new building.

Three Cities Art Club has joined with the City of Westland in a partnership to create an art gallery in the new Westland City Hall.

The agreement specifies that the art will change every three months and that for three of every 12 months, the space will be available for other art groups to display works.

The new area in the west wing of city hall will be called The Gallery and is located near the banquet and meeting rooms.

"Three Cities Art Club is celebrating its 60th birthday this year," club President Marilyn Meredith explained. "Mayor (William R.) Wild, who has made it a priority to bring more cultural opportunities to Westland, has followed and supported our club for over 5 years in our annual art exhibitions at the Westland Library and our Festival of the Arts at Westland Mall which is co-sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club."

"The art club has brought with them a lot of excitement and culture to Westland," said Wild.

The Gallery at city hall is the brainchild of photographic artist Allen Brooks. "When I saw the new city hall I thought, 'What a great place for an art gallery', and with Three Cities Art Club having some of the finest artists in southeast Michigan, many nationally and internationally known, and with everyone eager to display their a work.....what a perfect match," Brooks said.

The premier exhibition includes watercolors, oil, acrylics, pencil, pastels, airbrush, mixed media and photography, and runs through April 30. In, May, students at the art department of John Glenn High School will take over for a month showing the best of students' work created during the past school year. These works will be on display for the 50th anniversary celebration of the city.

The official opening of the new gallery, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, is planned for 4 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 26. Wild and several city officials will be on hand to open the new attraction and the public is invited to the ceremony and reception which will continue until 7 p.m.

Westland City Hall is located at 36300 Warren Road in Westland. For more information, contact Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or Brooks at (734) 890-1080. Also, visit www.cityofwestland.com or www.threecitiesartclub.org.

# Water

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there could be 11 lead pipes in the area and the city would replace all of them to ensure the safety of residents in the area.

Wild stressed that the water-quality testing would be performed by a third-party laboratory not affiliated with the city to prevent any appearance of collusion.

City Council President Jim Godbout concurred with Wild's assessment of the handling procedures for the pipes in the city.

"We replace them as we find them," Godbout said. Godbout was also critical of a recent report alleging that Westland water customers paid a rate second only to that of Flint as the highest in the state and one of the highest in the country. He said that the city had contacted Mary Grant, director of the Food and Water Watch organization and that she had agreed to send a letter explaining the way the rates were calculated which would drop Westland from 29th highest rate in the country to 151st for 60,000 gallons of water.

Wild said that representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) had been in the city last Thursday to investigate Raymore's claims and that they would be at the meeting on Monday to inform residents of their findings.

Raymore had also claimed that he was instructed to pump raw sewage into a drain going into the City of Inkster, another claim MDEQ representatives investigated, Wild said.

Godbout noted that the new pumping station on which the city is spending about $3 million will alleviate any such flooding or overflow sewage problems during heavy rainfall.

All Raymore's charges and allegations were to be discussed at the meeting last Monday.

Godbout said that he found it curious that Raymore would bring this matter forward in such a public fashion shortly after a discrimination complaint he filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission had been dismissed.

Raymore, a 19-year city employee, prepared a packet of his allegations to present to members of the council. He claims that City Attorney James Fausone intercepted the documentation Jan. 27 and did not adhere to a 14-day deadline he set in his written allegations, prompting his public charges at the city council meeting Feb. 15. He said that he could not in "good conscience" remain silent any longer.

Raymore filed for arbitration in his disputes with a supervisor last year. Arbitrators found for the supervisor but did reduce the discipline. In January last year, Raymore alleged discrimination when he was not promoted and filed complaints with both the EEOC and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. Both were dismissed on Jan. 13.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**
**BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 16, 2016 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

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| Tuesday, March 8, 2016 | Organizational Meeting - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (No Appointments) |
| Monday, March 14, 2016 | Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointments Only) |
| Tuesday, March 15, 2016 | Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only) |
| Wednesday, March 16, 2016 | Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only) |

Please be advised that after 4:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

*Employment:* The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

*Effective Communication:* The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

*Modifications to Policies and Procedures:* The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 14, 2016, in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ZAHR CHV RETAIL MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) -** CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 073 99 0005 713. Property is located on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Roosevelt.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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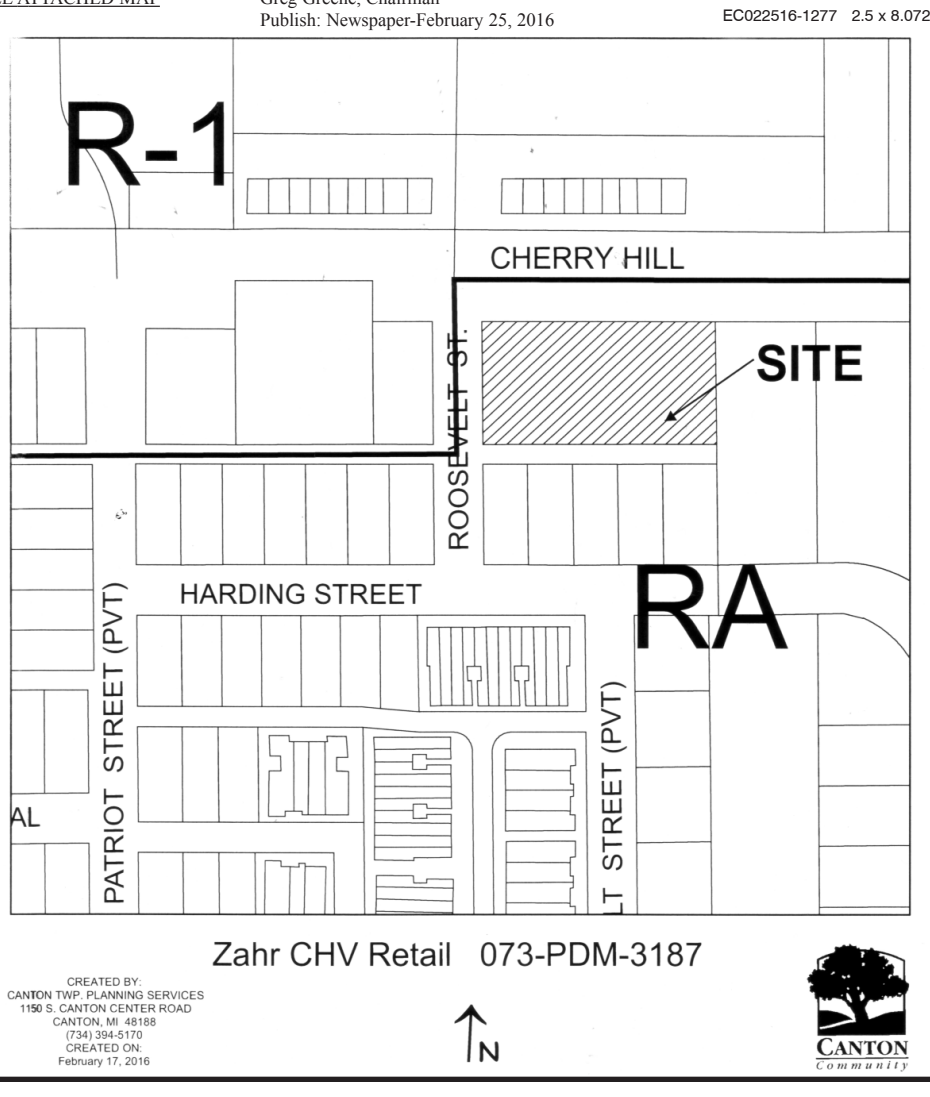


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**PLANNING COMMISSION**
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
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**RIVER HILL RIDGE PDD AMENDMENT NO. 1** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 074 99 0008 715, 074 99 0010 710 (831 & 824 RIDGE S), 075 02 0001 000 THROUGH 075 02 0106 000 AND 076 99 0002 705. Property is located east and west of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Proctor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 10, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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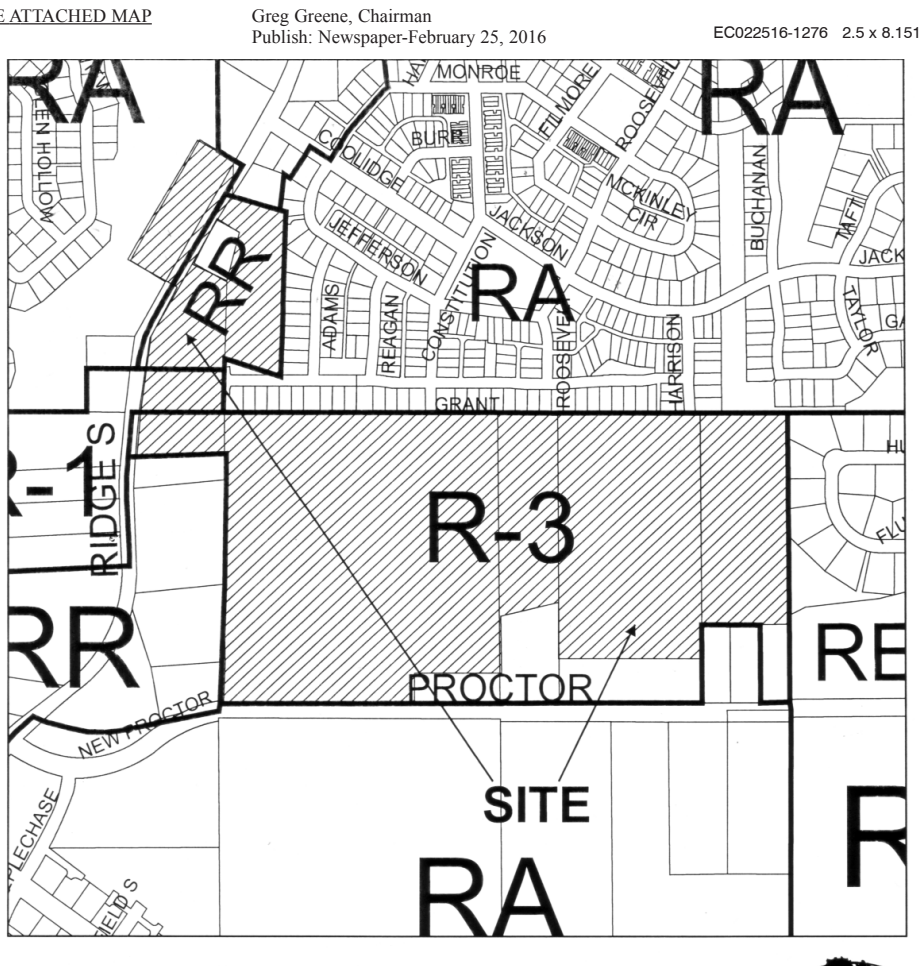


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## Hero Wall
### Controller honors hospital staff

As the controller at Beaumont Hospital - Wayne, Jay Bonnell works behind the scenes to fulfill the needs of staff and physicians so they can provide the best in care to the community.

His philanthropic efforts were recently acknowledged by the health-care organization with the opportunity to have a section of Beaumont-Wayne named in his honor, a tribute the organization reserves for those who have demonstrated remarkable efforts to help fund various programs at the facility.

It was no surprise to those who know him that Bonnell opted to stay behind the scenes and defer the public recognition to others. As an Oakwood Foundation President's and Legacy Society member, Bonnell chose honor the employee team at Beaumont - Wayne, men and women he works with on a daily basis. The result was the Hero Wall, named in honor of site president Eric W. Widner and dedicated to showcasing the staff and physicians who provide care to patients.

"Jay has made a tremendous impact on the programs and services we provide at Beaumont Hospital - Wayne," said Michelle Anderson, interim executive director of the Oakwood Foundation. "He has made this impact in the most humble and unassuming manner."

His gifts have helped provide equipment for the Beaumont Breast Care Center - Wayne, supported the Summer Speech Therapy Program and more. Bonnell offered a challenge grant that matched Spirit of Giving Campaign contributions by management at the hospital and he has also made arrangements through his estate plan to make a significant gift to support patient care.

"Jay has taken significant personal action by making charitable investments in areas that impact patient care, and challenging our staff and leadership to do the same," said Dr. Neelam Kumar, Oakwood Foundation, chair and physician supervisor of pathology at Beaumont - Wayne. "The wonderful thing about Jay is that he sees the personal side of things. He speaks directly to our physicians, our patients, their family members and staff each day. I think that Jay has a unique perspective into the impact of charity and philanthropy."

Eric W. Widner
Hero Hall
Honoring Eric W. Widner for his leadership and commitment to building the foundation for success at Beaumont Hospital-Wayne.
Dedicated to the men and women who contribute to providing exceptional and compassionate care to every patient and family member who enter through our doors.
"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
-Henry Ford
Made possible through the generosity of Jay Bonnell
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Division President Eric W. Widner and Jay Bonnell, corporate controller of Beaumont Hospital - Wayne, stand near the new Eric W. Widner Hero Wall featuring physicians and clinicians who provide excellent, compassionate care to patients.

The wall is prominently located in the hallway behind the main lobby. The photos of team members who have gone above and beyond to impact the lives of patients are displayed on a gray background under special lighting. The wall is already full.

"I can see the impact each day I come to work," said Bonnell.

Widner said even though Jay chose to honor him with the naming of the hero hall, it's Jay's spirit that reverberates through the hallway.

"Jay's enthusiasm and his passion for this hospital, for our coworkers, the physicians and for our patients, radiates from him," Widner said. "This hallway is designed to celebrate the caring heroes on our team, but it really demonstrates Jay's commitment to excellent patient care and the community. We are so fortunate to have him as a partner, as a colleague and as an investor in our efforts.

"I think this is a fantastic way to honor the dedicated staff members and physicians who go above and beyond to provide exceptional care to our patients and their families."

## Police stand-off ends with apparent suicide

A 39-year-old Wayne man who barricaded himself inside his home Monday apparently took his own life, ending a 12-hour stand-off with police.

According to police reports, officers entered the Ash Street home after hearing a single gunshot at about 8:51 p.m. Monday to find the man dead, apparently from a self-inflicted wound. Officers had been at the home on the 35000 block since about 10:30 that morning when he called police insisting that his mother and sister leave the home. The three, along with his 6-year-old son, reside in the home, according to preliminary reports.

The man, armed with a shotgun, insisted his sister, 39, and mother leave while he remained in the home. His sister returned in the afternoon, and attempted to convince the man to communicate with police and leave the house, but her efforts were unsuccessful.

During the day, Wayne City Hall, the 29th District Court and other municipal buildings were on a temporary lockdown while police determined the exact situation. Those lock downs were lifted after a brief time when officers determined that the area was safe and that the man did not present a wide spread threat.

"This is not him. He snapped. I don't what happened. He doesn't have mental issues," his sister told reporters. "He's a wonderful father, a good man, a kind-hearted person. He needs help. I don't want him to get hurt."

His sister also told reporters earlier than she suspected her brother had experienced some kind of mental break and thought she and her mother were the object of kidnappers.

Wayne police are continuing their investigation into the incident.

## Calendar of events

**Cruise is raffle prize**

The Michigan Philharmonic will raffle off a cruise through the Baltic Sea, Scandinavia and Russia for two.

The 11-night trip includes air fare and will take place aboard the Regal Princess of Princess Cruise Lines Aug. 4-19.

Tickets for the raffle are priced at $50 and only 400 will be sold.

The cruise will depart from Copenhagen visiting the ports of Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia and spend two days in St. Petersburg, Russia, Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden.

The drawing of the winning ticket will take place May 21 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The winner need not be present and will be notified May 21.

For more information contact Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810.

**Slithering Snakes is topic**

Wayne County Parks will host a program titled Slithering Snakes from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Participants will have a close encounter with snakes that live at the center and children will make a snake craft to take home. The event in indoor and recommended for participants 6 and older.

The cost is $6 per child and $2 for adult for country residents. For pre-registration, call (734) 261-1990.

**Summer Camp registration opens**

Maybury Farm will offer Day Camp for Kids again this summer. Maybury Farm Day Camp is a total hands-on experience that offers a wide variety of activities that are both educational and fun-filled, according to Northville Community Foundation President Jessica Striegle. Campers will enjoy learning about farm animals including grooming, feeding and walking. Campers will take nature hikes, do crafts, play games and learn team building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in our everyday lives.

Maybury Farm Summer Day Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-12 years old. Camp hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 21 until Aug. 18. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is $60 per camper per day or $150 per week, Tuesday through Thursday. Campers can sign up for one day or join for a whole week.

To register for Day Camp, call (248)374-0200 or visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org. Space is limited.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park.

**Underground Railroad topic**

Wayne County Parks will host a program regarding the history of the Underground Railroad at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

The Underground Railroad was a systematic way of secretly helping people escape to freedom in the North which became operational in Michigan in the 1830s.

The presentation is recommended for those 12 and older.

The cost is $3 per person for Wayne County residents.

To register or for more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trial in Westland.

**Academy applications accepted**

The Canton Police Department is now accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy for individuals interested in acquiring insight and knowledge about how the police department works.

Individuals attending the academy will learn about the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Canton Police Department Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for six weeks, starting April 14 - May 19, with one Saturday morning session on May 7.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicants must be residents of Canton Township; be 21 or older; have no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions in the past 3 years and will be subject to a to a background check

Applications are available online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Questions can be directed to Staff Operations Sgt. James Harrison, (734) 394-5411.

**Teen writers to meet**

The Romulus Community Library is hosting a writing club for teens to share creativity.

Meetings take place from 4-5 p.m. the last Monday of the month through Feb. 29.

Light refreshments will be served.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

**Skate to help others**

Plymouth Community United Way will host the third annual Community Family Skate Fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. today, at Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Dr., Canton.

Admission is $6 and includes skate rental. Blade/speed skate rental is $2 extra. Proceeds benefit Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW). For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

**Chorus serves dinner**

Belleville Community Chorus members will host their 3rd annual Baked Potato Dinner from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

Tickets, priced at $5, include a large baked potato with a choice of toppings, plus a beverage and dessert. Tickets may be obtained from any chorus member prior to the event or at the door.

The event is a fundraiser for the group. For more information, call Geof Bush at (734)776-7596 or go to www.BellevilleChorus.org

**Muslim culture explored**

Area residents can sample international delicacies, get a henna- design, write in Arabic-style calligraphy, and have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with one of the area's many Muslim residents at an event at the Canton Public Library from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Feb. 27.

The event is being organized by the library, the Muslim American Society-Detroit, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs and the Canton Response to Hate Crime Coalition to create a culture of peace and build a safe, inclusive community.

Among other topics, speakers will address misconceptions about the role of women in Islam and the wearing of the Hijab, basic tenets of Islam and how Muslims view other religions.

"The library is a great venue for this event. Not only are we fulfilling our mission of connecting our community, we are providing a neutral common ground for all of our residents to meet and learn about our Muslim neighbors," said library Director Eva Davis, who serves with Canton Public Safety Sgt. Dale Waltz as co-chair of the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information or directions to the library, visit www.cantonpl.org.

**Wine and Canvas event planned**

An evening of wine and painting is planned as a fundraiser for the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road in Belleville, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

For $35, guests can paint a under the guidance of an instructor and for $10, attendees can enjoy the snacks and companionship. There will be a cash bar during the evening

Pre registration for the event is requested at (734) 277-9253. Information is available from Jeannie@wineandcanvas. com.

**Needlecraft group to meet**

The Needlecrafts group will meet at 6:30 at the Belleville Area District Library every other Thursday, March 3, March 17 and March 31.

All skill levels are welcome and the group includes knitting, crochet, embroidery, weaving and needlepoint.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

**Birdhouse lessons offered**

A build a birdhouse family program is planned at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Participants will be supplied with all materials and tools needed to construct a birdhouse along with instructions and information about types of birds that might use the house.

It is an indoor program recommended for participants 6 and older with parental assistance.

The cost is $6 per child and $2 per adult. There is an additional material fee of $7 per family.

For pre-registration or information call (734) 261-1990.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

**Church serves chicken dinner**

Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out Wednesday, March 9.

Dinners, priced at $10 per

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person, include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole saw, dessert, coffee, hot tea and milk. Children's dinners are priced at $5 for those 12 and younger.

Carry out will be available at 4:30 p.m.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

**Craft items are topic**

As part of the Homegrown Knowledge series at the Belleville Area District Library, Carmen Stovall of Crafted Modern Handmade Boutique will speak at 7 p.m. March 10 in the Library Program Room.

The series features a local speaker on the second Thursday of the month and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734)699-3291.

**Chamber hosts Comedy/Auction Night**

A Comedy/Auction Night dinner is being planned by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce for 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 11 at the Marriott Hotel at Detroit Metro Airport, 30559 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

Sponsorships for the event and donations of auction items are being sought. Items such as gift baskets, artwork, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, electronic equipment and gift certificates have sold well at previous event.

Cash donations are also being accepted.

For more information, or tickets, priced at $45 per person, contact Betsey J. Krampitz at (734) 893-0694.

**United Way fundraiser set**

Granite City Food & Brewery and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for Dine to Donate at their Northville location, 39603 Traditions Drive, Seven Mile and Haggerty roads on March 10.

Granite City will donate 10 percent of each patron's total bill to Plymouth Community United Way. Take out orders are also included. Simply print a flyer, or show the flyer on your mobile device, for the evening. Flyers can be found at www.plymouthunitedway.org, or at the Plymouth office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

**Mayors' Ball is planned**

The Mayors' Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, is planned for 5 p.m. until midnight, Saturday March 12 at the Romulus Sheraton Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Tickets are $100 per person and the donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs in the communities will include dinner, an open bar, dancing and entertainment along with live and silent auctions.

Advance ticket purchase is required.

Tickets and information are available from Rob McLachlan, (734) 578-5682 or rwmclachlan@gmail.com.

Sponsorships at various financial levels are still being sought for the event and ads in the program book are available.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are a registered 501© 3 organization.

Still Got It Players Laura Kitzman, left, of Canton Township, Philip Lukasik of Westland and Chris Saksewski of Belleville rehearse for Old Ringers at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

# Players bring 'Old Ringers' to Village stage

The 'Still Got It' Players is set to perform "Old Ringers" from March 16 - 20, in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Old Ringers" is an adult comedy written by Joe Simonelli about four senior women and one man affected by their negative financial changes due to the economy. Strapped for funds, they decide to start a new business venture that includes a phone sex service to increase their incomes. This all comes about from a call accidentally made to one woman from the As You Like It - Shakespeare Phone Sex Service. The play overflows with one bawdy comic line after another, while also addressing relationship issues between mother and daughter, as well subjects regarding religion, age, sex, dating and morals.

"Senior citizen phone sex gone hilariously wrong. This play will appeal to anyone who wants to get away from the cold and snow and enjoy a cleverly written comedy," said producer Laura Kitzman. "There are also some great messages in this play regarding relationships, integrity and ethics."

"Old Ringers" will feature 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday performances, 7:30 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Tickets are priced from $16-$18 each and can be purchased by calling the box office at (734) 394-5300 or visiting http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org/. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For additional information about this or other Spotlight Players productions, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call the number listed above.

Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland. The coffee hour will provide an opportunity for citizens to meet Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

**Senator serves coffee**

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) is inviting members of the community to join him at an upcoming coffee hour to discuss state and local issues of concern. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown

The March Coffee Hour will take place at 9 a.m. March 14 at Mr. Mike's, 6047 North Wayne Road in Westland.

**Alumni hockey game set**

The annual Wild's Wings versus Red Wings Alumni Hockey Game will take place on Friday, March 18.

Doors of the Mike Modano Ice Arena will open for the game at 5:30 p.m. with the proceeds benefiting the municipal arena.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children and can be purchased at Westland City Hall, the Mike Modano Ice Arena, North Brothers Ford or online at www.cityofwestland.com.


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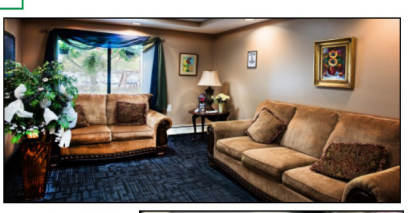
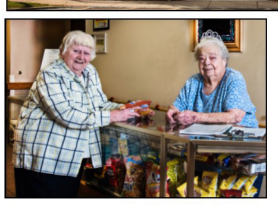
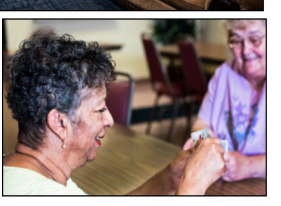

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